

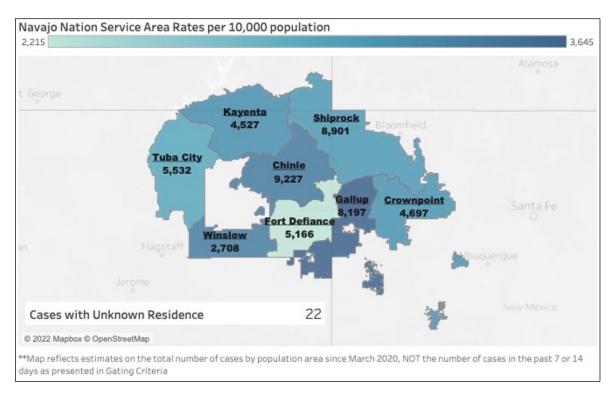
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366 new cases, 44,700 recoveries, and three deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 366 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and three deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,612. The report indicates that 44,700 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 469,529 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 48,977, including 38 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 9,227

Crownpoint Service Unit: 4,697Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,166

Gallup Service Unit: 8,197

Kayenta Service Unit: 4,527
Shiprock Service Unit: 8,901
Tuba City Service Unit: 5,532
Winslow Service Unit: 2,708

* 22 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Thursday, the state of Arizona reported 14,293 new cases, Utah reported 7,033 cases, and New Mexico reported 5,179 new cases.

"Our administration is working with the White House and others to secure more KN95 masks for our Navajo people. If you do not have a KN95 mask, please wear two masks if you have to go into public places. Our best defense against the Omicron variant is to get vaccinated and get a booster shot. All individuals 12 years and older are able to get a booster shot and we need more of our people to do so. The actions we take each day impact others as well, not only ourselves. If individuals choose not to get vaccinated or choose to attend large gatherings off the Navajo Nation, they are creating more risks for their family members and everyone they come into contact with. Please take precautions, limit travel, and help our frontline warriors by reducing the spread of COVID-19," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"Through our faith, prayers, and adhering to the guidance of our public health experts, we will emerge from this pandemic. We have to support one another to remain strong and we must remain diligent as we move forward. Please continue to take safety measures and keep praying for our frontline workers and everyone who is battling the virus," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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